**“We the People”**

**“Ideological Spectrum Survey 2022-23”**

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Directions: Answer each of the following questions with one of these five possible numbered responses: (1) Yes (2) Probably (3) Maybe (4) Not Entirely (5) No. When you complete the survey, tally your score and write the number here --- \_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The federal government needs to expand operations to help Americans who are in need by increasing the top income tax bracket (those making over 500,000) from 37% to 50%.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Corporal punishment (paddling) should be banned from all public schools in TN. Positive reinforcement of good behavior is the best way to train a child.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Instead of punishing criminals, we need to rehabilitate them through counseling and education – the current system only makes more criminals.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Some money going to fund police forces around the country should be diverted into programs that directly support poor, underprivileged, and underserved communities.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ A spouse or boyfriend should have no say in a woman’s decision concerning abortion.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Women should have to register for the draft.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ President Biden is right for opening the border with Mexico. We are a nation of immigrants.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ We need to cut our military budget to spend more on social services like health and welfare.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ High school students should have the right, as protected by the First Amendment, to protest by walking out of school, with or without permission from the superintendent.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ School courses on self-esteem, personal growth, depression, and tolerance are equally, if not more than, important as the academics.

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer should not be allowed anywhere in a public-school facility or at public-school events.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Policemen should only carry tasers and/or other non-lethal weapons.

13. \_\_\_\_\_ America should grant amnesty to current illegal immigrants and extend full citizenship to them.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ President Biden is correct is shutting down the Keystone Pipeline and reducing the amount of oil-drilling in the United States.

15. \_\_\_\_\_ We need to raise taxes on large corporations and place a cap on salaries and bonuses.

16. \_\_\_\_\_ LGBTQ students deserve a safe public school, even if it requires a separate facility.

17. \_\_\_\_\_ The Ten Commandments should not be displayed in any public facility.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ Global warming has been created by humans and we must do everything we can to stop it.

19. \_\_\_\_\_ In light of the recent surge of the Omicron Variant of the Covid virus, the federal government should seriously consider another stimulus check for Americans.

20. \_\_\_\_\_ The state of TN was wrong to allow for carry of concealed handguns without a permit.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ The Olympic Committee was correct in allowing a transgender athlete, Laurel Hubbard from New Zealand, to compete in the women’s weightlifting.

22. \_\_\_\_\_ The “Stand Your Ground Law” should be repealed in all states.

23. \_\_\_\_\_ A Black Lives Matter protest scheduled, and approved by Mayor Strickland, for downtown Memphis, grows to include thousands and ends up blocking traffic on the Hernando de Soto Bridge, which is Interstate 40, for several hours. Does the First Amendment of the Constitution guarantee protection for this level of protest?

24. \_\_\_\_\_ A black and a white policeman are up for the same promotion to lieutenant. The white policeman has three more years’ experience and scores five points higher on the promotions test. The police force has 10% minorities but only 5% in the officer corp. Should the black policeman be hired over the white policeman to better balance the races in the officer corps and promote Affirmative Action?

25. \_\_\_\_\_ Samantha got pregnant at 14, then again at 18, and now again at 22. She has no husband. Should the government continue to support her financially?

26. \_\_\_\_\_ Jack is 78 and living on Social Security with Medicare benefits. After three heart attacks, covered by Medicare, he now needs to have a heart transplant which will cost $300,000. Should the government pay for this too?

27. \_\_\_\_\_ The state of TN was wrong to create the new voucher program for Shelby County parents, which allows them to receive a rebate from the state and send their students to private or parochial school.

28. \_\_\_\_\_ Black Eagle, an American Indian, wanted to make a statement about the way the white man had exploited his people, so he burned the American flag. Should this be lawful?

29. \_\_\_\_\_ Julie got pregnant at a party where she was drinking with her boyfriend, Dave. She is 16 years old, four months pregnant, and wants to get an abortion. Should she lawfully be able to get an abortion without parental permission?

30. \_\_\_\_\_ Public school teachers should be forced to use the preferred pronouns and name of each student, regardless of the opinions of the student’s parents.

31. \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic athletes, such as hammer-thrower Gwyn Berry, are right to use their popularity and platform to call for social justice during the medal ceremony.

32. \_\_\_\_\_ Larry, a gay psychologist, wanted to be a Boy Scout master for troop 455. Although he was highly qualified, there was some concern about his public stand that homosexuality was on an equal basis with heterosexuality – a matter of natural orientation. Would you approve his selection to lead your scout’s troop?

33. \_\_\_\_\_ The city of Memphis was correct in removing the statue of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, founding member of the KKK and one of the most heroic and respected officers in the Confederate Army during the Civil War.

34. \_\_\_\_\_ High school students have an expected right to privacy under the 4th Amendment, which should include protecting information stored on cell phones, regardless of the situation.

35. \_\_\_\_\_ Capital punishment (executions) should be banned in the United States according to the 8th Amendment protection against “Cruel and Unusual Punishment.”

36. \_\_\_\_\_ The House of Representatives was correct in fulfilling its oath of office and filing charges against, or impeaching, President Donald J. Trump on two separate occasions.

37. \_\_\_\_\_ Although the city of Memphis recently decriminalized possession of marijuana in small amounts, the state of TN should go farther and legalize it recreationally.

38. \_\_\_\_\_ The state of TN is correct in funding increased security for Shelby County Schools, which is a much better option than arming and training teachers with handguns.

39. \_\_\_\_\_ Covid vaccines should be mandatory for all students and teachers in the public schools.

40. \_\_\_\_\_ Susie interviews for a job with International Paper here in Memphis. They refuse to hire her based upon a negative review of her Facebook profile. Should Susie file a lawsuit against IP?

41. \_\_\_\_\_ The U.S. Supreme Court was wrong to overturn Roe v. Wade (1973) and to give control over this issue back to the states.

42. \_\_\_\_\_ President Biden’s policies have been much better than those of the previous administration.

43. \_\_\_\_\_ Memphis should be a “sanctuary city,” allowing illegal immigrants from the southern border to live and remain here unbothered by the law.

44. \_\_\_\_\_ Black Lives Matter is an organization that I support fully.

45. \_\_\_\_\_ Transgender boys and girls (under 13) should be able to begin hormone treatments for the purpose of transitioning without approval from parents.

46. \_\_\_\_\_ Public elementary and middle schools should fully cooperate with transgender students in the use of pronouns and name preferences, as well as in offering counseling, even without notifying parents.

47. \_\_\_\_\_ Police officers should be put on unpaid leave any time they use deadly force against a non-armed civilian.

48. \_\_\_\_\_ Protestors should be able to protest outside the homes of our Supreme Court justices, as protected by the First Amendment.

49. \_\_\_\_\_ Social-emotional learning is appropriate and necessary for public high school students.

50. \_\_\_\_\_ President Trump should be disqualified from running for re-election in 2024.